

**MARCH 28, 2006  
PARMA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
6:45 P.M.**

The Special Council meeting was called to order by President of Council Charles M. Germana presiding:

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SEAN P. BRENNAN  
NICHOLAS J. CELEBREZZE  
MARY GALINAS  
ROY J. JECH  
LARRY NAPOLI  
KENNETH A. RAMSER  
THOMAS REGAS  
SCOTT M. TUMA

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:**

BRIAN DAY

Mrs. Swade – Mr. President, the Roll of Council has been called, and I find a quorum of Council members present:

The following officials and department heads were also present: Mayor Dean E. DePiero, Chief Assistant Law Director Tony Zampedro, Auditor Dennis M. Kish, Treasurer Anthony C. Zielinski, and Deputy Clerk I Elaine Swade.

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**THE STATE OF OHIO )  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY )  
CITY OF PARMA )**

**SS.** Chief of Police Daniel Hoffman

Greetings

**WHEREAS**, it appears that the public business of this City requires that the Council meet in Special session to consider such business as may come before it, and

**WHEREAS**, I have convened and do hereby convene said City Council to meet in Special session on Tuesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> of March A.D. 2006, immediately following Special Finance Committee Meeting at 6:45 o'clock P.M., eastern standard time, at the Council Chamber in said City, to consider such matters as may come before it as fully and completely as might be done in regular session of said Council:

**To be on the Podium on Tuesday, March 28, 2006:**

**FIRST READING:**

ORDINANCE NO. 136-06

3/28/06                      L-135-06  
(Special Meeting)

BY: S. M. TUMA

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE  
OF NOT TO EXCEED \$9,140,000 CITY OF PARMA, OHIO,  
TAXABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A LOAN TO PRL CORPORATION  
FOR A PROJECT UNDER CHAPTER 165, OHIO REVISED CODE;  
AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS; AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

To be referred to the Finance Committee.

**FIRST READING CONTINUED:**

ORDINANCE NO. 137-06

3/28/06 L-136-06  
(Special Meeting)

BY: S. M. TUMA

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$65,455,000 CITY OF PARMA, OHIO, HOSPITAL REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2006, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN HOSPITAL REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY AND PAYING COSTS OF HOSPITAL FACILITIES FOR PARMA COMMUNITY GENERAL HOSPITAL; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

To be referred to the Finance Committee.

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**THIRD READING:**

ORDINANCE NO. 258-05

(THIRD)

10/17/05

L-251-05

BY: S. M. TUMA

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF PARMA OHIO, DURING THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2006, TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2006, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**Pending outcome of Special Finance Committee Meeting:**

ORDINANCE NO. 99-06

(FINANCE)

3/6/06

L-100-06

BY: M. GALINAS

(By Request – Safety Director)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF SIX (6) 2006 MOTORCYCLES, WITH TRADE-IN, FOR THE PARMA POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES:**

ORDINANCE NO. 135-06

3/28/06

L-134-06

(Special Meeting)

BY: S. M. TUMA

(By Request – Safety Director)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A PORTION OF SUBSECTION (a) OF SECTION 185.07 "FEES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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You are therefore commanded to summon Mayor Dean E. DePiero, Law Director Timothy Dobeck, Auditor Dennis M. Kish, Treasurer Anthony C. Zielinski, Service Director Brian Higgins, Safety Director Gregory Baeppler, President of Council Charles M. Germana, Mary Galinas, Sean P. Brennan, Nicholas J. Celebrezze, Brian Day, Thomas Regas, Larry Napoli, Kenneth A. Ramser, Scott M. Tuma, Roy J. Jech Council members and Clerk of Council Thomas Mastroianni, to meet in Special session as aforesaid for the purposes aforesaid.

Hereof fail not and have you then and there this Writ, with your return thereon in what manner you have executed the same.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the corporate seal of said City to be hereunto affixed, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D. 2006

/s/ Charles M. Germana

Council, City of Parma Charles M. Germana President of Council

**ROLL CALL**

Nicholas J. Celebrezze  
Brian Day  
Mary Galinas  
Roy J. Jech  
Larry Napoli  
Kenneth A. Ramser  
Thomas J. Regas  
Scott M. Tuma  
Sean P. Brennan

The regularly scheduled Committee meetings will follow.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE  
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

I, Daniel A. Hoffman, Chief of Police of the City of Parma, Ohio, do hereby certify that on March 24, 2006, I received the notices of a Special Meeting of Council, a copy of which is attached hereto, and that in accordance with the instructions given to me. I have served each person named in the notice with the notice either personally or by leaving a copy of such notice, and the last of the persons named on the notices was served at his usual place of residence with the notice on March 24, 2006, at 5:01 o'clock P.M., which date and time is more than twelve hours prior to the time of the Special Meeting.

Signed Captain Stephen Jedrick  
Acting Chief of Police,  
City of Parma, Ohio.

For Chief Hoffman

**LEGISLATIVE COMMENT**

Mr. Germana – Asked if there was anyone from the public who would care to comment on legislation that is up for passage this evening. No one wished to speak.

**DISPENSE WITH THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Motion made by Councilman Tuma, seconded by Councilman Napoli, to dispense with the regular order of business and to waive the Rules of Council at this time in order to hold this Special Council Meeting. Motion carried.

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**FIRST READING CONTINUED:**

CHAPTER 165, OHIO REVISED CODE; AUTHORIZING  
AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS; AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Germana – Said Ordinance will be referred to the Finance Committee.

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SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$65,455,000 CITY OF PARMA,  
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THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN HOSPITAL  
REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY AND PAYING COSTS OF  
HOSPITAL FACILITIES FOR PARMA COMMUNITY GENERAL  
HOSPITAL; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RELATED  
MATTERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Germana – Said Ordinance will be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Germana – Recessed the Council Meeting until Councilman Brennan could be in  
attendance.

Mr. Germana – Reconvened the Council Meeting. Stated, let the record reflect that  
Councilman Brennan is now in attendance.

**THIRD READING:**

ORDINANCE NO. 258-05      10/17/05      L-251-05  
BY: S. M. TUMA, N. J. CELEBREZZE, M. GALINAS, R. J. JECH, L. NAPOLI, K. A. RAMSER,  
T. J. REGAS, S. P. BRENNAN

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR  
CURRENT EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE  
CITY OF PARMA, OHIO, DURING THE PERIOD FROM  
JANUARY 1, 2006, TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31,  
2006, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Councilman Tuma, seconded by Councilman Napoli, to amend  
Ordinance No. 258-05 by accepting Exhibit "A". Motion carried.

Mayor DePiero – Stated, this budget proposes to spend approximately 43.5 million  
dollars in General Fund money for the operation of our city, including safety, service, recreation,  
Senior Citizens, and the various programs that we offer to our citizens. The 43.5 million dollar  
figure represents approximately a 4% increase over the year 2005. Stated, this year we propose  
to spend in the safety forces approximately 49.5% of our entire budget. This is about ½%  
increase from last year. The budget figure for Police is \$10,674,000. The Fire is \$10,885,992.  
The Police budget is approximately 6-1/2% more than last year. The Fire, approximately 5%  
more than last year. This is a very lean and tight budget. This is the second year that we have  
not had the Police Levy. This is approximately a 3.6 million dollar hit to our City budget. There  
will be a 3% increase for all the labor forces. There is also a retro pay for Police and Fire this  
year that was not paid in 2005. There are increases in hospitalization. Increases in fuel have

### **THIRD READING CONTINUED:**

almost doubled. Stated, we are getting to a critical point with revenues and expenses and the loss of the levies. We are in the process of negotiating labor contracts right now. Changes are necessary in order to move forward after this year. One major component is a change in hospitalization. Hospitalization will now be at an additional cost to the employees in order to bring our employees in line with the private sector and public sector throughout the area. Issue 34 is not a total solution to budget problems, but it will help. Stated, he thinks this budget does the job for the taxpayers of the City.

Mr. Germana – Asked if there were any programs that we should be made aware of that are put on hold.

Mayor DePiero – Stated, there were no new programs that were proposed that were cut. All the programs that currently exist, will continue to exist; however, they may exist at a lower level.

Auditor Kish – Stated, every budget that was reviewed during the Budget Hearings has been cut. With regard to hiring additional Patrolmen and Fire Fighters, number one Patrolmen, if you don't have enough Patrolmen on the streets, that hurts security. If you don't have enough Fire Fighters, it drives up the overtime bill. These are some of the things that the Mayor and his Directors had to wrestle with, and I know that they are not happy. The Mayor has their commitment that they are going to work with this budget. Stated, in the eleven years that he has been Auditor, this is the tightest budget that we have ever had. If things stay status quo, and status quo is not good, you can expect a \$4,000,000 deficit next year. That will not be able to be overcome by cuts. The cuts have been made. This is the end of the road if there aren't changes in the income tax credit, which is a win-win situation. Everyone should be on-board in supporting it and getting the word out. It is not a cure-all for the City, by any means. We are losing almost \$1,800,000 for the last two years without a Police Levy. This will not cover that loss of revenue. The services have to be evaluated. Some demands by some of the unions are putting this city into a very difficult situation, to the point where a lot of necessary programs are going to be cut. Sometimes you can cut so much that the program isn't worth the paper it is written on.

Councilwoman Galinas – Asked the Auditor about the \$4,000,000 deficit. Can you expound on that in talking about health care costs, etc.

Auditor Kish – Stated, the budget has been cut to the bone. Those appropriations are supported by current year receipts and the prior year unencumbered cash carryover. That being said, with the budget cut to the bone, you are not going to have a lot of unspent, unexpended appropriations at year end. Stated, revenues have been estimated as close as he has even seen them. They are realistic, but in the past he has had the luxury of saying that a particular revenue is only going to come in at 90%, or this is only going to come in at 85%. Then when revenues come in good, the unions say he is lying, but it gets him through the next year because he has a cash balance to support a revenue stream that can't support itself. He expects that well over 90% of the appropriations to be expended this year. That includes almost \$2,800,000 of the prior year. So you go into the next year with a very small carryover in cash because the appropriations are trimmed back so much. Hospitalization is a consideration in the future. This year, our hospitalization plan is being scaled back somewhat, and there are contributions going to be made by all employees. That is helping this year already. The other thing is, at least one union already has a 3% raise coming next year. If that follows suit through all the rest of the unions, you are looking at least \$1,300,000 in additional wages and pension costs. Our trash bill is up to over \$3,000,000. Stated, this is going to happen, and it's going to happen next year. Some things need to be corrected. You are going to have to cut \$4,000,000 out of this budget next year, and you won't be able to do it. There aren't enough senior programs or pools or ice rinks or anything else to close.

Motion made by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Napoli, to adopt Ordinance No. 258-05 as amended.

Yes: Celebrezze, Galinas, Jech, Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan.

No: None; Ordinance No. 258-05 is adopted as amended.

ORDINANCE NO. 99-06                      3/6/06                      L-100-06

BY: M. GALINAS, S. P. BRENNAN, R. J. JECH, L. NAPOLI, N. J. CELEBREZZE,  
S. P. BRENNAN, K. A. RAMSER, T. J. REGAS  
(By Request – Safety Director )

**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES CONTINUED:**

Mr. Germana – At the time, Council had no idea how much money this was going to raise, so we started with 50-50. Now we can see that 40% is going to support. So that is why we are amending it.

Motion made by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Tuma, to adopt Ordinance No. 135-06.

Yes: Celebrezze, Galinas, Jech, Napoli, Ramser, Regas, Tuma, Brennan.

No: None; Ordinance No. 135-06 is adopted.

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**REPORT ON ABSENT MEMBERS**

Motion made by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Tuma, to excuse Councilman Brian Day. Motion carried.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Councilman Brennan, seconded by Councilman Jech, to adjourn this Special Council Meeting. Motion carried.

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**CERTIFICATION**

I, Thomas Mastroianni, Clerk of Council for the City of Parma, Ohio, do hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, March 28, 2006.

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THOMAS MASTROIANNI  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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CHARLES M. GERMANA  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

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(Minutes completed April 6, 2006)